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NEWS RELEASE

TWO MEN INDICTED AND ARRESTED IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASES

____ Thomas A. Marino, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania returned separate indictments against two midstate residents charging these defendants with attempted sexual exploitation of children along with possession and receipt of child pornography. Charged in the indictments were Lawrence Francis Keiser II, age 26, of New Oxford, Adams County, Pennsylvania and Todd Smink, age 37, of Pheasant Road in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. The indictments were unsealed after the arrest of the two men, who were ordered by the United States Magistrate Judge to be incarcerated without bail to await trial.

The indictment against Lawrence Francis Keiser II charges that he engaged in internet exchanges with an undercover agent, seeking to meet under age boys for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity with the boys and filming that activity. On October 26, 2006, Keiser traveled from New Oxford to Harrisburg for the purpose of meeting and engaging in sexual activity with two 14 year-old boys. After receiving a DVD containing child

pornography from an undercover agent, Keiser left with the agent to meet the underage boys and to engage in sexual activity with them. Upon being arrested, his car was searched and child pornography was found. Keiser is charged in the indictment with attempting to entice and induce minors to engage in sexual activity. The offense carries with it a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum sentence of up to 60 years imprisonment. Keiser is also charged with the receipt and possession of child pornography, offenses calling for sentences of not less than 15 years and up to 40 years imprisonment.

The indictment against Todd Smink alleges that he ordered and took possession of child pornography by mail and, when he was arrested on December 13, 2006, his computer was found to contain numerous images of child pornography. Smink has been charged with the possession and receipt of child pornography, offenses calling for sentences of not less than 5 years and up to 20 years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney said that the investigation was continuing into the criminal activities of both men and urged anyone with information regarding the involvement of either man with under age children immediately report the facts to the U.S. Postal Inspector Mike Corricelli at 717-257-2339.

The case was investigated and the undercover operation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. First Assistant U.S. Attorney Martin C. Carlson has been assigned to prosecute the Todd Smink case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon A.D. Zubrod has been assigned to prosecute the Lawrence Keiser case. This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales

created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/."

An Indictment or Information is not evidence of guilt but simply a description of the charge made by the Grand Jury and/or United States Attorney against a defendant. A charged Defendant is presumed innocent until a jury returns a unanimous finding that the United States has proven the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt or until the defendant has pled guilty to the charges.